

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Motorcycle – Bear



Bear – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash involving a motorcycle that took place late Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:29 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2018 on U.S. Rt. 40 eastbound, east of Church Rd., Bear. A 2003 Suzuki GSX-R1000 motorcycle, being operated by a 36 year old Wilmington man was traveling eastbound Rt. 40 in the left lane, at an apparent high rate of speed. A 2016 Chrysler 200, operated by a 57 year old Newark man was turning left from Rt. 40 westbound to continue in to the Rockwood Apartment complex, which is just east of Church Rd. As the Chrysler proceeded to make the turn, the Suzuki struck its right side. The impact caused the Suzuki operator to be ejected from the motorcycle and thrown to the roadway, where he came to rest on the Rt. 40 eastbound right shoulder. After the initial collision, a third vehicle, a 2018 Jeep, operated by a 22 year old Philadelphia, PA woman, struck the Suzuki which had come to rest in the Rt. 40 eastbound lane of travel.

The operator of the Suzuki was pronounced dead at the scene. High speed is being considered as a contributing factor on his

behalf, impairment is unknown at this time. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Chrysler was properly restrained and declined treatment for minor injuries. Impairment is not being considered as a factor on his behalf.

The operator of the Jeep who was also properly restrained was not injured. Impairment is not being considered as a factor on her behalf.

U.S. Rt. 40 eastbound at Church Rd. was closed for approximately 3 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8486.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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